Conversion of State into Central University

852. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has opposed the conversion of any State University into Central University:

(b) if so. what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC the Commission, in principle, is not in favour of converting any. State University into a Central University as this may be an unending demand. Also, such conversion merely transfers financial liability from the State Govt, concerned to the UGC or the Central Government without doing anything directly to the quality of education. With the extremely limited financial resources available to it, the UGC is not in a position to meet such additional burden of maintenance. Moreover, burdening the UGC with responsibility for maintenance would inevitably detract it from attending to development and standards in all Universities of the country which is its main responsibility under the UGC Act.

(c) State Universities have been set up by Acts of the respective State Legislatures. and as a matter of policy, the Central Government is not in favour of converting State Universities into Central Universities.

Engineering Colleges in the Country

853. DR. YELAMANCHILI STVAJI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RF-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased 10 state t

(a) the names of Engineering Colleges as on 1st April. 1992 run by Central/ State Government* and non-Governmental organisations;

(b) what is the in-take of each one of them in the Civil. Mechanical, Electrical, Textiles, Computer Science etc; and

(c) what amount Government spend on each student on an average ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURES (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) The present number of approved Dagree level Engineering Colleges in the Country is of the order of 204 with an intake capacity of about 40,000. These include Central Institutes, State Colleges as well as aided/unaided Institutes. Apart from Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Textile, Computer Scien-ces, these institutes conduct several other courses at undergraduate and post graduate levels. On an average, the annual recurring expenditure estimated by & Committe of the AM India Council for Technical Education for training one degree level engineer is Rs. 12,000/-.

भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण द्वारा व्यय की गई राशि

851. श्री रामसिंह राठवा : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण ने अपने बजटीय आवंटनों में से प्रतिवर्ष कुल कितनी-कितनी राशि खर्च की थी;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि बजटीय आवंटनों का अधिकांश भाग भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण के कर्मचारियों के वेतन पर खर्च किया जाता है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा, स्मारकों के संरक्षण और उनके रख-रखाव पर अधिक राशि खर्च करने के लिये क्या प्रयास किये गये हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभागों) में उप मंत्री